

Minimum Prices for the Four Types of Milk, by Container Size ¹ September 2016

The mininum price of milk, established by the Department, is the price that dairy processors must pay for milk used to produce dairy products. The table below shows individual prices for the four types of fluid milk by container size and the price changes from the previous month. The prices listed represent the minimum prices paid by processors for the milk only, no other processing costs are included.

Area, Type of Milk	Container Size, In Dollars Per Gallon					
Northern California	Gallon	1/2 Gallon	Quart	Pint	1/3 Quart	1/2 Pint
Whole	\$1.558	\$0.779	\$0.389	\$0.195	\$0.130	\$0.097
Reduced Fat 2%	\$1.337	\$0.669	\$0.334	\$0.167	\$0.111	\$0.084
Lowfat 1%	\$1.199	\$0.599	\$0.300	\$0.150	\$0.100	\$0.075
Nonfat (Skim)	\$0.857	\$0.428	\$0.214	\$0.107	\$0.071	\$0.054
Southern California						
Whole	\$1.581	\$0.791	\$0.395	\$0.198	\$0.132	\$0.099
Reduced Fat 2%	\$1.361	\$0.680	\$0.340	\$0.170	\$0.113	\$0.085
Lowfat 1%	\$1.223	\$0.611	\$0.306	\$0.153	\$0.102	\$0.076
Nonfat (Skim)	\$0.881	\$0.441	\$0.220	\$0.110	\$0.073	\$0.055
Type of Milk	Price Changes from the Previous Month					
	Gallon	1/2 Gallon	Quart	Pint	1/3 Quart	1/2 Pint
Whole	\$0.150	\$0.075	\$0.038	\$0.019	\$0.013	\$0.009
Reduced Fat 2%	\$0.188	\$0.094	\$0.047	\$0.024	\$0.016	\$0.012
Lowfat 1%	\$0.216	\$0.108	\$0.054	\$0.027	\$0.018	\$0.013
Nonfat (Skim)	\$0.193	\$0.096	\$0.048	\$0.024	\$0.016	\$0.012
Type of Milk	Price Changes from the Previous Month, Displayed in Cents					
	Gallon	1/2 Gallon	Quart	Pint	1/3 Quart	1/2 Pint
Whole	15.0¢	7.5¢	3.8¢	1.9¢	1.3¢	0.9¢
Reduced Fat 2%	18.8¢	9.4¢	4.7¢	2.4¢	1.6¢	1.2¢
Lowfat 1%	21.6¢	10.8¢	5.4¢	2.7¢	1.8¢	1.3¢

¹ Assumes Whole Milk is 3.5% fat, 8.7% SNF, 8.6lb/gallon; Reduced Fat is 2% Fat, 10% SNF, 8.65 lb/gallon; Lowfat is 1% Fat, 11% SNF, 8.69 lb/gallon; Skim Milk is 0.1% Fat, 9% SNF, 8.63 lb/gallon.

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